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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDIN

Between

Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer

And

St. Bede's College, Shimla (H.P.)

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING [hereinafter MoU] is made and entered into on Tuesday, 25th of July 2023 between Sophia Girls' College, Ajmer (Autonomous) Rajasthan (hereinafter SGC), on the ONE PART St. Bede's College Shimla, (SBC) on the OTHER PART (who for the purpose of this MoU are hereinafter individually referred to as 'PARTY' and collectively referred to as the 'PARTIES').

The PARTIES, having discussed the fields of common research interests and allied activities between the two institutions, have decided to enter into a long-term collaboration in the areas of education, training and research.

WHEREAS SGC a premier education institute in Rajasthan offering both U.G. and P.G. programs and has "A+" Grade by NAAC. It is involved in research, education and training in all the disciplines of Basic Sciences, Humanities and Languages, Commerce and Management at Rajasthan.

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AND WHEREAS St. Bede's College Shimla, is an Institution of higher learning having UG & PG courses, re-accredited with Grade "A+" by NAAC is involved in the dissemination of knowledge, research and extension.

AND HENCE it has been considered expedient to agree in writing to participate jointly in undertaking students and research projects as per the expertise and logistics available with the PARTIES.

Article 1. Objectives

- 1.1 Faculty & student exchange
- 1.2 Sharing of resources and infrastructure
- 1.3 Organization of joint activities in research, co & extra curricular areas.

Article 2. Areas of Research Cooperation

- 2.1 Biological Sciences
- 2.2 Physical Sciences
- 2.3 Computer Science
- 2.4 Humanities / Social Science
- 2.5 Languages
- 2.6 Commerce
- 2.7 Management

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Article 3. Forms of Cooperation

- 3.1 Joint research projects
- 3.2 Academic projects/ programmes
- 3.3 Seminars and lectures on topics of mutual interest and relevance
- 3.4 Public outreach

Article 4. Exchange of Information and Research Samples

- 4.1 The term "information" includes scientific or technical data, results and/or methods of investigation, and other information intended to be provided, exchanged or arising under the objectives identified under Article 1. The PARTIES shall take all measures to protect the secrecy and avoid disclosure and unauthorized use of the information which is confidential and outside the public domain.
- 4.2 Samples exchanged between the PARTIES shall not be transferred to any third party for research and commercial purposes and that the unutilized portions of such samples must be sent back to the concerned coordinators identified under Article 6.1.

Article 5. Publications and Intellectual Property Rights

5.1 Any research publications and intellectual property rights arising out of the students- and joint research projects shall be jointly published and, when patented, will be jointly and equally owned by SGC and SBC.

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- 5.2 The procedural formalities for securing and maintaining the intellectual property rights shall be the responsibility of both SGC /SBC and the expenditure incurred thereof shall be borne jointly and equally by them.
- 5.3 The upfront fee and royalty accrued from licensing of any intellectual property arising from this collaboration to other PARTY [IES] shall be shared between the PARTIES, the terms and conditions of which shall be the subject matter of a separate agreement between the PARTIES.
- 5.4 The PARTIES shall not assign any rights and obligations to any third PARTIES without written consent of the other party.

Article 6. Implementation

6.1 The PARTIES agree to constitute an Advisory Committee as follows:

Prof. Sr. Pearl (Convener)	Prof. Sr. Molly Abraham
Principal,	Principal,
Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer, Rajasthan	St. Bede's College, Shimla (H.P.)
Prof. Monika Kannan Coordinator, IQAC (Co - Convener)	Dr. Sr. P. Mary Santhi, Assistant Professor-Geography
6.2 The Advisory Committee shall meet review the progress.	at least once in a year either at SGC or SBO to

- 6.3 Based on the education, training and research requirements of students and staff, the advisory committee shall, in consultation with the faculty and scientists, decide on topics and the mode of cooperation for each of the academic years during the tenure of this cooperation.
- 6.4 The convener and co-convener shall be the contact persons for all the cooperation and other related issues identified in this understanding.

Article 7. Finance

7.1 Each PARTY shall bear the respective costs of carrying out the obligations under this agreement. Neither PARTY shall make a claim against the other PARTY for any expenditure unless such expenditure has been agreed upon in writing between the PARTIES.

Article 8. General Provisions

8.1 Research instrumentation, infrastructure and library facilities available at the PARTIES work place(s) shall be made available to the scientists, faculty, research scholars and students of the PARTIES.

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- 8.2 The PARTIES shall not use any of the confidential information which is required to be held in confidence for any purpose other than performance of their obligations under this understanding.
- 8.3 The implementation of the areas and forms of cooperation identified under Articles 2 and 3 shall be subject to the availability and convenience of research students, faculties and infrastructure facilities available at the PARTIES work places.
- 8.4 The PARTY organizing an item of work shall have the nodal responsibility for mobilizing resources and the conduct of such works.
- 8.5 There shall be exchange visits by faculty members for academic and research purposes.
- 8.6 There shall be exchanges of students between both the parties with the convenience of both the parties so that students can be benefitted by the good teachers of both PARTIES.
- 8.7 All questions related to this understanding arising during its term shall be settled the PARTIES by mutual agreement. In case of any disagreement a retired puriet Ju shall be appointed and remuneration of whom shall be paid jointly.
- 8.8 Nothing in this understanding is intended to affect other cooperation or collaborate between the PARTIES.
- 8.9 All the collaboration activities pursuant to this agreement shall be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations governing SGC and SBC

Article 9. Entry into Effect and Termination

- 9.1 This MoU shall become effective on the date it is signed by the PARTIES and shall be valid for six years. This understanding may be amended by mutual written agreement and may be terminated at any time by either PARTY upon one month's written notice to the other PARTY.
- 9.2 All joint activities not completed at the expiration or termination of this agreement may be continued until their completion under the terms of this understanding.

Article 10. Amendments

10.1 This MoU represents the entire understanding between the PARTIES and supersedes any and all understandings either oral or written hither-to with respect to the subject matter of this understanding.

10.2 No amendment or modification of the MoU shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by both the PARTIES and specifically stating the same to be an amendment of the

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MoU. The modifications/changes shall become part of the MoU and shall be effective from the date on which they are made/executed unless otherwise agreed to.

Article 11. Assignment

11.1 This MoU is based on the professional competence and expertise of each PARTY and hence neither PARTY shall transfer or assign this agreement or rights or obligations arising hereunder, either wholly or in part, to any third party.

Article 12. Non-exclusivity

12.1 The relationship of the PARTIES under this understanding shall be non-exclusive and both PARTIES are free to pursue other agreements or collaborations of any kind.

This MoU has been executed in two originals, one of which has been retained by SGC and the other by SBC

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have executed this MoU as

approve, accept and agree to the terms contained herein.

For and on behalf of

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Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous)

Ajmer (Rajasthan)

Name: Prof. Sr. Pearl

Title: Principal

For and on behalf of

St. Bede's College,

Shimla (H.P)

Name: Prof. Sr. Molly Abraham

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In the presence of:

Name: Prof. Monika Kannan

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In the presence of:

Name: Dr. Sr. P. Mary Santhi

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